

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2383 - HB 2529**

April 1, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases the cap on general sessions jurisdiction in civil actions involving damage to property from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

- a decrease in state expenditures in circuit courts as a result of fewer property damage cases being heard there. This decrease is estimated to be not significant as individuals will still have the option of taking their case directly to circuit court for a jury trial.
- an increase in local government expenditures as a result of more civil cases involving property damage being heard in general sessions court. This increase is not estimated to be significant enough to require additional general sessions courts or court staff.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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